



City of Santa Barbara
Airport Department

Memorandum

DATE: May 19, 2010
TO: Airport Commission
FROM: Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director
SUBJECT: Airline Terminal Project Grand Opening Event

Recommendation:

That the Commission Chair appoint two Commissioners to serve with him on an ad hoc committee to assist staff in planning for the Airline Terminal Project Grand Opening Event to be held in spring 2011.

Discussion:

The Airline Terminal Project construction is about 20% complete with final completion of the new terminal building scheduled for April 2011. After the airlines and other terminal tenants have relocated to the new building, the existing terminal will have the additions removed and the 1942 historic portion of the building will be relocated to and restored at the site of the new project. This phase of the project will not be completed until December 2011.

A grand opening event will be held in April 2011 once the new building is completed and before daily operations begin so that the public will be able to tour and view both floors of the new structure. Once operations begin in the building only ticketed passengers will be allowed on the second floor.

Airport staff is now beginning to plan for the grand opening event. It is proposed that there will be a staff committee to carry out the detail planning for the event. The staff committee activities will be reported to a small Grand Opening Event Committee comprised of the Airport Commission Chair and two Airport Commissioners, Airport management staff, and several other community members to give oversight and input for the event. Periodic reports will be made to Airport Commission regarding the status of the event planning.